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SUBJECT: SEAGA WARNS OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE
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PORTIONS DENIED AS INDICATED

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2. (U) OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA HAS ISSUED A STRONG, DETAILED STATEMENT IN WHICH HE ATTEMPTED TO DOCUMENT A PLAN BY THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) TO "OVERCOME THE WILL OF THE PEOPLE BY BRUTE FORCE." HE ASSERTED THAT THE PLAN CALLS FOR A DRAMATIC INCREASE OF TERRORIST ATTACKS IN THE MONTH OF MAY TO MANIPULATE THE ELECTORAL SYSTEM. THE STATEMENT CLAIMS A DELIBERATE RUNDOWN OF THE SECURITY FORCES, RENDERING THEM INCAPABLE OF MEETING ANYOUTBREAK OF TERRORISM. IT DESCRIBES A REVAMPING OF THE POLICE DEATH SQUAD. SAYS THAT ALL THIS IS PLANNED TO LEAD TO A STATE OF EMERGENCY, AND A LOCKUP OF THE OPPOSITION. SEAGA DESCRIBED THE ATTACK LAST SUNDAY MORNING ON A JAMAICA LABOUR PARTY (JLP) STRONGHOLD AND ASKS WHY THE LARGEST POLICE STATION IN THE COUNTRY ONLY A FEW BLOCKS AWAY TOOK 50 MINUTES TO RESPOND. HE RENEWED HIS CALL FOR INTER-

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NATIONAL OBSERVERS. WE ARE POUCHING THE TEXT.
3. (U) IN DESCRIBING THE "GOLD STREET MASSACRE" OF LAST WEEK, SEAGA SAID THAT 100 UNIFORMED MEN, ARMED WITH M-16 SUBMACHINE GUNS, ATTACKED FROM FOUR DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS. THE ATTACKERS FIRST KNOCKED OUT A SMALL POLICE POST AND THEN FIRED SEVERAL HUNDRED ROUNDS INTO A JLP FUND RAISING DANCE. HE SAID THAT THE POLICE COMMISSIONER HAS BEEN GIVEN NAMES OF SOME OF THE "PNP TERRORISTS" WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE RAID. ACCORDING TO SEAGA, THE COMMISSIONER WAS ALSO TOLD OF THE ACTIVITY OF A POLICEMAN CONNECTED TO THE MINISTRY OF NATIONAL SECURITY WHO IN A POLICE PATROL CAR CLEARED THE AREA OF ALL PERSONS ON LOOKOUT SHORTLY BEFORE THE MASSACRE TOOK PLACE.
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